



PeelHall

PRIMARY SCHOOL



February 2019

Dates for your Diary



- 15th February Break for half term
- 26th February 5 Peake Trip – Tatton Park
- 4th March (Monday) Day 1 of 4 Bike-ability Year 5 (Limited places)
– Text/email notification sent for the children allocated a place
- 5th March Day 2 of 4 Bike-ability
- 6th March Day 3 of 4 Bike-ability
- 7th March Day 4 of 4 Bike-ability
- 8th March World Book Day at school – Get your costumes ready,
and dress as a character from a book
- 12th & 14th March Parents Evening – Letters nearer the time

Dear Parent/Carer

This spring term we have booked quite a few activities and have provided the dates so you have plenty of advance notice and can put them in your diary. As the activities cover the whole term letters will be sent via the class teacher nearer the time. Trips will still be paid on 'Parentpay' where you can also tick the consent box. We do already subsidise trips so are reliant on getting all contributions in order to ensure any trip can go ahead. Unfortunately, if we do not receive sufficient parental contributions for trips we may be forced to cancel them, we would only do this as a last resort.

The school website www.peelhall.co.uk is updated regularly so please check it to see what the children are doing/taking part in.

If you download 'ourschoolsapp' you will be able to link to the school website from the app.

The school newsletter is put on both the website and app once it has been sent out.



Breakfast Club

We have noticed an increase in children arriving on our school site before 8.30 a.m. so in order to try and cater for this, from Monday 25th February, Breakfast Club will open from 8:15 a.m. Please press the buzzer from 8:10 a.m. for Breakfast Club. The main gates to the playgrounds will be opened around 8:30 a.m. which should allow ample time for parents/carers to bring children to school ready for the doors opening at 8.45 a.m. A gentle reminder, children remain the responsibility of parents/carers before the start of the school day.



Parent Mail

Parent Mail is in use. If you have provided us with your email address and school hasn't been notified your child is absent, you will receive an email so please check your emails. If we don't have your email address you will continue to receive a text message.

Emails will be sent where we have an email address. You will only get a text if we don't have your email address so please make sure if you change your email address you notify the school office.

Activities This Term



MUFC Football tournaments
Dodgeball Competition
Gymnastics Competitions
Chetham's music workshops year 4

School Meals



Free School Meals

Are you entitled?

If you are in receipt of benefits and do not get Working Tax Credit you may be entitled to claim Free School Meals for your child/children. If entitled to free school meals your child/children will also receive free milk, as well as the school receiving additional funding. This allows us to provide more resources and extra staffing to help children achieve their full potential. Even if your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 please claim if you are entitled.

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If in doubt, check at the school office as this benefits both you and school.



The Daily Mile

The Daily Mile is going well, although the title is 'Daily' other factors such as: weather, curriculum time commitments, etc., do come into play, so we are aiming that all children get out at least three times a week.

Reminder re. key messages about the 'Daily Mile':

It is not a sports lesson, simply a way of encouraging all children to take part in regular physical activity.

The children run in their school clothes without changing into kit, putting jackets on if it's cold or damp and taking sweatshirts off if it's warm.

Please see links below, which explain in more detail the rationale behind the idea of children taking part in the 'Daily Mile'

<https://thedailymile.co.uk/steps-to-success/>

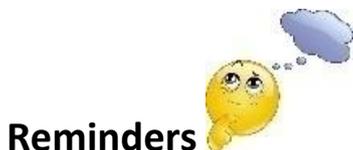
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VORahcsF4al>

Sporting Events



Afterschool clubs have finished for this half term. Letters for the new clubs will be sent out the week commencing 25th February with clubs due to start the week commencing 4th March.

There will be no afterschool clubs on 12th and 14th March due to parents' evenings.



Reminders

Severe Weather Warnings, if school is going to be closed due to severe weather you will be able to find out through the following media channels. Salford Council, school website/'ourschoolsapp' or an email/text message from ParentMail.

Parking, the vast majority of our parents have supported us by not parking on Greencourt Drive, there are, however, a small number of drivers still putting children at risk by inconsiderate parking. **TWO CHILDREN HAVE ALREADY BEEN HIT BY CARS AND THERE HAS BEEN A VERY RECENT NEAR MISS WITH A PARENT.**

For parents/carers who have no option but to drive to school, it is only a very short walk from Peel Lane, so in the interests of the safety of all our children **DO NOT PARK ON GREENCOURT DRIVE.**

This Time in History

February 3, 1870 - The 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, guaranteeing the right of citizens to vote, regardless of race, colour, or previous condition of servitude.

February 9, 1943 - During World War II in the Pacific, U.S. troops captured Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands after six months of battle, with 9,000 Japanese and 2,000 Americans killed.

February 14, 1849 - Photographer Mathew Brady took the first photograph of a U.S. President in office, James Polk.

February 15, 1989 - Soviet Russia completed its military withdrawal from Afghanistan after nine years of unsuccessful involvement in the civil war between Muslim rebel groups and the Russian-backed Afghan government. Over 15,000 Russian soldiers had been killed in the fighting.

February 21, 1994 - CIA agent Aldrich Ames was arrested on charges he spied for the Soviet Union from 1985 to 1991.

February 28, 1986 - Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme (1927-1986) was assassinated in Stockholm while exiting a movie theatre with his wife.

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